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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS CHAIRS JOINT MEETINGS OF NATIONAL COUNCIL -
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

1. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AFTERNOON OF MAY 2 PRESIDED OVER TWO-
HOUR JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS WHICH WAS CONVENED TO DISCUSS THE VIENNA INTER-
COMMUNAL TALKS AND OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE CYPRUS
PROBLEM. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPERS MAY 3, MAKARIOS
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ADDRESSED THE MEETING FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.
REPORTS HIGHLIGHTED ARCHBISHOP'S REMARK THAT HIS
HOPE THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD BECOME MORE CONCILIATORY HAS
RECEDED AND BEEN REPLACED BY FEAR THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS
INCREASINGLY WILL EMPLOY "DELAYING TACTICS IN NEGOTIATIONS."
REPORTEDLY THE MEETING ALSO CONSIDERED
THE SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE USG "MOVE TO EASE THE

EMBARGO ON ARMS SUPPLIES TO TURKEY WHICH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE MADE THE TURKS MORE ARROGANT AND UNWILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS." SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS STRESSED IN ITS ACCOUNT THAT MAKARIOS HAD MADE IT CLEAR THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS REMAIN, IN HIS EYES, THE BEST MEANS FOR FINDING A CYPRUS SOLUTION.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MAKARIOS HAS PRESIDED - AT LEAST SYMBOLICALLY - OVER TWO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETINGS SINCE HIS ILLNESS, THIS IS THE FIRST JOINT NATIONAL COUNCIL/ MINISTERS MEETING IN WHICH HE HAS PARTICIPATED SINCE APR 3. IF REPORTS AS TO THE LENGTH AND SUBSTANCE OF THE MEETING ARE CORRECT, MAKARIOS' HEALTH IS APPARENTLY IMPROVING. HIS REFERENCE TO "TURKISH DELAYING TACTICS" APPEARS TO SIGNAL THE GOC'S DISTRESS AT EFFORTS TO POSTPONE THE NICOSIA ROUND OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS UNTIL LATE MAY AND TO SERVE NOTICE THAT THE GOC WILL REACT ADVERSELY IF ALL THE TURKISH SIDE CAN OFFER IS ONE OR TWO MEETINGS WITH NO SUBSTANTIAL CONTENT BEFORE THE TURKISH GENERAL ELECTIONS.
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